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" . . . the threads of information going back . . . years were tenuous. They were hard to pick up and even harder to follow. None yet discovered had led home. The hope was that if enough could be pursued, they might converge at some point which would be recognized as the truth."

(Judge David W. Peck's 1955 "The Greer Case," Page 112, Simon & Shuster.)*

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Note

This manuscript embraces data re three soldiers of the Revolution:

Benjamin Woods of Hardwick-New Braintree and Greenwich-Dana, Mass.

Benjamin Wood of Hopkinton, Brookfield, Mass., and Alstead, N.H.

Benjamin Skinner of Mansfield and Greenwich-Dana, Mass.

Also Ensign David Woods of Framingham, Hopkinton, Hardwick-New Braintree, who had civil service in the war period.

FOREWORD

In the autumn of 1953, Helen Mary (Stroebe) Clark, M.D., wife of Fred Adam Clark, Jr. M.D., of Riverside, California, requested my services to properly indentify her ancestor, David Woods. This we have succeeded in accomplishing and the lineage has been accepted by the Mayflower Society.

In the course of much detailed and exhaustive research, so many notes were gained that it was decided that these data should be compiled as a "formal summary," to which those interested might be referred, especially the officials of the Mayflower Society.

When we commenced, the date of marriage of David Woods was unknown ans another of his descendants, Mrs. Fred W. Smith of Salem, Oregon (who has contributed much to the search) and I discovered the correct date and its reference at about the same time. Later, I secured the date and proper reference to the marriage of David's parents, which, according to family papers, was said to have taken place in 1747; actually the year 1747 was the year of Benjamin Woods' birth, he being the father of our David. Another tradition was that Benjamin lived in New Hampshire; this was a confusion with Hampshire County, Massachusetts, in which Benjamin resided about thirty years and where David was born.

The tale that David and his wife had the same date of birth and were married on their joint birthdays is not correct in respect to his wife; it is probable that he was born on the same day and month that she was; also the same year, which the hiatus in the Church records seems to prove.

Lexington, Mass.
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DESCENT

Ensign David[4] Woods (James[3], James[2], John[1]) married Martha Wheeler

Corporal Benjamin[5] Woods married Sarah Adams.

David[6] Woods married Rusha Skinner.

Almira[7] Woods married James-Leonard Salsbury.

Patience-Jane Salsbury married Rev. Jeremiah Payne.

Frank-Ernest Payne married Frances Edmonson.

Jessie-Gertrude Payne married George-Gottlieb Stroebe.

Helen-Mary Stroebe married Fred-Adam Clark Jr., M.D.

Almira[7] Woods married James-Leonard Salsbury.

Lauretta Salsbury married William Thatcher.

Charles-Ross Thatcher married Antoinette Rinderman.

Fern-Antoinette Thatcher married Fred-Wilson Smith.

Therefore Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Smith are second cousins once-removed; both are lineally descended from Almira (Woods) Salsbury and are descendants of John Alden of the Mayflower, through Woods-Skinner-Wild-Bass ancestry.

I, C.F. Smithers, of Heuvelton, N.Y., herewith, state that I well knew the late Carrie (Woods) Austin, of this place, was best man at her wedding to the late Dr. C.M. Austin, and that she died in 1955, without issue, and at her death, what remained of her genealogical papers were placed by me in the Heuvelton Public Library. In these data is the statement that she was the daughter of David Woods (1823-1893), who married in 1863, Elizabeth Leonard (1838-1910), and the granddaughter of David Woods, born 27 Jan. 1786, Mass., died in Oswegatchie, N.Y., in 1838, who married in 1804, Jerusha Skinner (1786-1869). Moreover, her said paternal grandfather, the said David Woods, was the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Adams)Woods, who were married in 1747 (sic) , and that the Woods family "settled" in New (sic) Hampshire." The said David Woods Sr., went to Madison Co., N.Y., in Sept. 1806 and thence to Osergatchie in St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., in March 1816; his eldest child, Almira, was born in 1803 in Mass.

(C.F. Smithers)
Signed

Then appeared before me the abeved signed "C.F. Smithers" who swore that the above was true to the best of his knowledge and belief this 27 day of December year 1958

"Forrest B. Woods"
Signed and Stamped by

My Commission Expires

BENJAMIN[5] WOODS

BENJAMIN[5] WOODS (Ensign David[4], James[3], James[2], John[1] of Sudbury, Mass.), born in Hardwick, Worcester County, Mass., 20 Sept. 1747, died in Dana, said county, in March 1828, aged eighty-one years. He married, in the District of New Braintree, said county, 8 Mar. 1770, Sarah Adams, born about 1749, died between 1816 and 1827, and probably after 1820, daughter of James and Elizabeth (?Johnson) Adams.

For Sarah Adams, vide Mary Lovering Holman's documented 1928 Coney Genealogy, which places her birth as about 1749; she was a sister of Jane Adams, who became the wife of Capt. Oliver Coney, of Ware, Hampshire County, Mass., and who named a son Justus Coney. Sarah (Adams) Woods named her second son, Justus Woods. Ware was formerly known as Ware River. I think that Mrs. Holman is correct in her suggestion that this Adams family was Scotch in descent and late comers to the Bay State. Thus they were not kin to the older Adams tribes including the so-called "Presidential Adams" family (descendants of Henry Adams of Braintree, Mass.)

Originally granted to the proprietors in 1660, as Braintree Farms, in 1749, David[4] Woods and his brother, James, with others of Hardwick, who lived east of the Ware River, appointed James Thompson to convey a petition to these proprietors that they might be created as a separate district. This plea was strongly opposed by the towns of Hardwick and Brookfield, but finally it was granted and New Braintree, as a district, was set up, 31 Jan. 1751, when our Benjamin was four, and as a separate town, 3 Aug. 1775, five years after his marriage, and three years after his first appearance in Greenwich, across the town line and in Hampshire County, Mass. There is more about the

part played by Ensign David, Benjamin's father, as a "Town Father" in my brief notes about him in the Addenda.

So we learn that Benjamin was born and raised in the part of Hardwick, east of the Ware River, and where he married in 1770, then aged twenty-three, a girl probably from Ware. By 25 Oct. 1772, they had moved to the adjacent town of Greenwich. Here he lived in the portion that was set off, 18 Feb. 1801, with parts of Hardwick and Petersham, both within Worcester County, as the new township of Dana, in Worcester County. He did not move from Greenwich to Dana, nor did his neighbors, among them Benjamin Skinner (vide post), one cold night they went to sleep in Greenwich, Hampshire County, and the next frigid morn, they woke up in Dana, Worcester County.* Both towns were inundated by the beautiful Quabbin Reservoir.**

In the Foreward, we have noted the mixup on the date of Benjamin's marriage with that of his birth, and that he was never of New Hampshire but did reside in old Hampshire County, Mass., from at least 1772 until 1801, nearly thirty years. Reference to this will also be seen on page iii in the notarized statement of C. F. Smithers of Heuvelton,

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*So well expressed by Ethel-Lord Scofield of Longmeadow, Mass., who so ably assisted me in primary sources at Springfield and Northampton, Mass.

**Greenwich, formed 1754 and formerly known as "Quabbin" (Narraganset #4); Dana, formed 1801; Enfield, formed 1816; and Prescott, formed 1822, were obliterated in 1938. Unfortunately the Town Minutes of Greenwich were burned since 1885, and the earliest book begins 1782. The Proprietors' Records of Quabbin (1733-1783) are extant as are Vital Records from 1747. It seems probable that some of the vital records were in the lost book of Minutes. Greenwich has been subjected to a number of fires and floods before 1938. The original records of the four towns are now at the Administration Bldg., Windsor Dam, Quabbin, Belchertown, Mass., and I have covered those needed as will be seen in the text. Dana V.R. up to 1850 were published 1925 and the Mass. D.A.R. are now copying the V.R. of the other towns to 1850, but not the Town Minutes. W.L.H.

N.Y., re the papers of the late Carrie (Woods) Austin, a great-granddaughter of Benjamin Woods, about whom more later.

Late in November 1958, I personally consulted the original Church Records of Greenwich, at the Ware Trust Company, Ware, Mass., and the original records (Town Minutes and Vital Records) of Greenwich. The church records commence in 1760, the earlier book being lost, for this old Congregational Church was formed in 1749. In 1885, the Town Clerk then had the Parish Records, 1749-1782. The first book I read "cover to cover," although it is stated to end in 1833, I found an item as late as 1842 (dismission). The records are not chronological; baptisms, marriages, deaths, lists of members, of half-way covenanters, admissions and dismissions are recorded "willy nilly" This volume, until his illness and death, was kept by the second pastor, the Rev. Robert Cutler, whose handwriting is in the small crabbed academic hand of that era.* When the third pastor was installed, 16 Nov. 1786, the Rev. Joseph Blodgett, whose records start with 8 Nov. 1786, we have the larger flamboyant and hard-to-read hand of that period. Book II commences 17 Nov. 1830, with the fourth pastor, the Rev. Joseph Patrick, and was disregarded by me. Much of the first volume is not paginated; at any rate, these items were extracted by me, 21 Nov. 1958:

Page 51, "1772, Octb^{r} y^{e} 25th Mary Woods Daughter to Benj^{n} Woods was Baptized."

Page 52, "1773 . . . July y^{e}: 10th Betty Woods Daughter to Benj^{n}

*Robert Cutler, A.M., b. Cambridge, 3 Apr. 1721, son of James and Alice, Harvard 1741, A.B., A.M.; ordained Epping, N.H., 9 Dec. 1747, settled there, 1747-1755; dismissed 9 Dec. 1755; installed Greenwich, 15 Feb. 1760, d. there 7 Feb. 1786, aged 64. (Weis' 1936 Col. Clergy of N.E.); To this I add that Mr. Cutler states in his own records that he served as Chaplain to the Forces of the Army during the war (Revolution); hence gaps in the record.

Woods was Baptized."

Page 54, "1777 . . . Aug^{t} . . . y^{e} 31st Benamin Woods: Son to Benj^{n} Woods was Baptized"

Page 55, "1778 . . . July . . . y^{e} 12th Susa Woods: Daughter to Benj^{n} Woods was Baptised"

Page 76, "1783 . . . Sep^{t} 7 Laodocia Woods & Justus Woods Children of Benj^{a} Woods was Baptised"

The last entry made by Mr. Cutler was 22 Jan. 1786 and he died two weeks later, 7 Feb. 1786. David, Benjamin's son, was born 27 Jan. 1786, and so was not baptised. The next hand, that of the new parson, Mr. Blodgett, begins, as stated above, in November 1785; therefore there is a hiatus of some nine months in these original church records. Blodgett was not as meticulous in his recordings as was his predecessor.* Our next record for Benjamin is three years later, in 1789:

Page 79, "1789. . . Sept. (no day cited) Mr Woods had a child baptized." (As no sex named probably a female, W.L.H.)

Page 80, "(1791) . . . June 9th Cynthia daughter to M^{r} Woods of this Town was baptized."

There are no further records concerning Benjamin and the name of his wife, Sarah, never appears. They are not in any list of members of half-way Covenanters, nor were they received or dismissed. I should judge that they were not strong members of the Congregational faith and we know that later they became Methodists.

There are six volumes of the D.A.R. handwritter note books representing their copies of the Greenwich Vital Records, now at Quabbin.** There I read through for items ante 1810 births and ante 1850 Marriages

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*Incidentally, I think I have interested Mrs. Holden, chairman for the Records Committee of the Mass. D.A.R., in having her ladies copy this old Church Record and index the same. A genealogical goldmine! W.L.H.

** Vide footnote, page 2.

and marriage intentions. The births are not chronological. Volume I, 1747-1777, contains all four types of vital records, as well as some ear marks. But parts of this little old book, in bad shape, are missing and many of the pages have parts torn off. Therefore there is a chance that some of Benjamin's children may have been recorded therein. There are but few Woods mentions in any of the volumes and none seemingly apply to our family. When the D.A.R. type and index their copies, we may find an item that I missed. This copying is being done by the Amherst, Mass., chapter. The chances also are that Benjamin never bothered to record his childrens' births, for he lived in the northeast section of the town and it is hilly country. My search of the Greenwich Town Records (or Minutes) will be considered later.

It is estimated roughly that only about one third or less of the men who actually had service in the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), eight long years, are recorded. Hence it is probable that our Benjamin had unrecorded service in this war, perhaps in 1775, as he is a Corporal in his first recorded service in 1776; also note no child of his baptised between 1773 and 1777, the inference being that part of the time he was away from Greenwich as was the minister, Mr. Cutler. Here is the service:

"Woods, Benjamin, Corporal, Capt. Joseph Hooker's co., Lieut. Col. Samuel William's regt.; enlisted Dec. 15, 1777; discharged March 18, 1777; service, 3 mos. 14 days, including 11 days (220 miles) travel home; rolled dated Morristown (N.J.); also, private, Lieut. Joseph Wilson's co., Col. Porter's (Hampshire Co.) regt. marched Sept. 23, 1777; discharged Oct. 17, 1777; service, 1 mo. 2 days, in Northern department,

including 7 days (140 miles) travel home; company marched to reinforce army under Maj. Gen. Gates on an alarm." (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution, 17:719-720.)

As our Benjamin had two contemporaries in that section, how do we know that these services apply to him? for they do not give his place of residence. Capt. Joseph Hooker, lived in Greenwich, for his long service, 1775-1780, vide ibid., 8:220-221. Capt. Joseph Wilson (also Willson), also lived there, for his lengthy service, as 2nd Lt., 1775, Lt., 1777, and Capt., in 1780, in Porter's Fourth Hampshire County Regiment; also as 2n Lt., 1776 as "Willson", vide ibid., 17:544 573-574.*

No pension application was made by Benjamin, or any widow of his, based on this war service. But from the land record evidence it is apparent that Sarah predeceased her husband. Had he lived until 1832, there would have been greater chances of a pension application by him but not so, he died in 1828. However, we have learned that he had service in both New Jersey and in New York, was a corporal and a real soldier, not merely a member of the local train band or guard.

Because of his being a "hon com" in 1776, I thought it wise to check certain indexes for Benjamin at the Massachusetts Archives, in particular, the General Index; the French Wars (1710-1774) and the Military Indexes, 1643-1774. In this last separate index, I noted under his name 76:625; 77:117;78:479; 79:327, none of which apply to him. The Civil Index (1686-1744), was too early for him. This search was entirely negative in results.

*Chase's 1911 History of Ware, Mass., names a Benjamin Woods as serving from that locality in an Hampshire Co. Regt; this applies to our soldier.

To return to the research at Quabbin. After my search of the extant vital records, I turned to the Town Minutes, or records of the Town Meeting. As explained, the first book is lost, so the book now labelled Book I, 1782-1816, is really Book II. But as the first pages are lost, the record really begins in 1783, after the war. I wish to read these until Dana was set off (February 1801), but lacked the time. I found three entries of births in this book and a very few Warnings and Ear Marks, none of which were helpful. The penmanship is faded and poor; I did make a few notes which are pertinent; the volume is not paginated:*

3 Mar. 1783, "Benj^{a} Wood" named a fence viewer; 6 Mar. 1785,** he served as a surveyor of highways and a tax collector; a call was given, 17 July 1786, to Joseph Blodgett to come as the new minister and it was voted that he was to have £ 150 as a settlement and £ 60 per annum.*** 3 Mar. 1788 and 2 Mar. 1789, Benjamin Woods was appointed a hog reve. I was forced to end my search with 1790, I then quickly scanned to 1801, and found that 6 Mar. 1797 at the anniversary of the church (fiftieth), the Town Meeting was held at the First Parish Meeting House; this year, Benjamin Woods served as a fence viewer. Doubtless a more careful reading from March 1790 until March 1801, would reveal Benjamin holding small offices for the town. It would take at least half a day.

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*There is never any index to the Town Minutes, so one must page.
**About five weeks after his son David's birth.
***Church and State were not separated until 1833 in Mass., it was the Bible Commonwealth-Congregational mainly.

During Shay's Rebellion** (1787), a protest to taxes inflicted by eastern Mass., actually the wealthy of Boston et vicinity, so considered by the farmers of middle and western Massachusetts, a study of the Index of those who served against Daniel Shays of Pelham, Hampshire County, Mass., a town near Greenwich, does not reveal Benjamin as for "law and order." I think he may well have been one of the "insurgents" or "rebels" in that affair. (Mass. Archives, Index to Shays' Rebellion.)

The first Federal Census was taken from the first Monday in August 1790. We find Benjamin Woods listed as head of a family consisting of one male over sixteen, three males under that age and four females, and resident in Greenwich, Hampshire County, Mass.

Miss Scofield, vide ante, found absolutely no deeds, grantor or grantee, that applied to our Benjamin in the Hampshire Deeds at Springfield before 1787. After that date his land transactions for that county would be on file at Northampton, as see later. While at Northampton, she ran the index to the Court Records. There is one item, 1790, whereby one Samuel Prentice brought suit against the estate of Benjamin Woods of Cummington (20:171) which does not, of course, apply, but the following suit does:

5 Jan. 1792, Abel Powers and Benjamin Woods, both of Greenwich, sued Samuel Cleland, for claiming that the property sold to them in the northeast part of Greenwich was free and clear of all encumbrances which was not correct. (Hampshire Court Records, 22:31.)

As the land was encumbered this forced the purchasers to acquire

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** Vide Starkey's 1955 Little Rebellion re this affair. The author was in my Class at Boston University, W.L.H.

rights to same from another man two years later; here are the two grantee deeds:

5 Jan. 1792, "I Samuel Cleland of Were . . . yeoman in Consideration of twelve pounds to me in hand (paid) by Abel Powers and Benjamin Woods of Greenwich . . . Confirm unto them . . . Land lying in the Northeast part of Greenwich N° 18," with Stephen Rogers and Joseph Barnard as bounds; amount of land not specified, however both Ware and Greenwich were in Hampshire Co.; warranty; signs; no r.d.; wit: Thomas Lincoln and Salmon Cleland; ack. same day; recd. 20 Mar. 1793. (Hampshire Deeds, 5:429.)*

10 Feb. 1794, " I David Armour of Greenwich . . . Yeoman for . . . Sixty Pounds . . . confirm, unto them . . . Land . . . lying in Greenwich," with Stephen Rogers, Robert Morton and Joseph Barnard as bounds; and "containing . . . Sixty Acres . . . it being part of the Lot . . . laid out . . . to Lot N° 18; signs; no r.d.; wit: Isaac Pepper and David Newcomb Jr.; ack. 24 Nov. 1794; recd. 13 Oct. 1797. (ibid., 12:354.)

Possibly there was some relationshop between Powers and Woods which the indexed D. A. R. copies of the Greenwich Vital Records will reveao?

Ensign David Woods, Benjamin's father, drew his will 23 Mar. 1794 as of New Braintree, in which he gave his son, Benjamin, a sum of money,

*Registry estb. at Northampton, for n. part of Hampshire Co., 1 Mar. 1787; Hampden co., set off, 1 Aug. 1812, from s. part of Hampshire Co. All the deeds for Hampshire, prior to 1787 are at springfield and all probate before that year is at Northampton. A complicated "set up." I have photocopies of Benjamin Woods' deeds recorded at Northampton and at Worcester.

the instrument being proved 14 Apr. 1807. Notes on his estate are included in his account in the Addenda.* Unfortunately Benjamin signed no receipt for this legacy (which is extant) in either the File or on the copy books.**

Three years later, Benjamin bought land of Abel Powers. Could this have been one half of the land that they owned together? However, it is described as being in the northwest part of the town of Greenwich, and the other, although sixty acres, was in the northeast section, Is this what is know in genealogy as an "original error"?

26 Dec. 1797, "I Abel Powers of Greenwich. . . Yeoman (in) . . . Consideration of Thirty Dollars . . . paid . . . by Benjamin Woods of the said Greenwich . . . Yeoman . . . do acknowledge (I) have . . . confirmed to to (sic) him . . . Land . . . in the Northwesterly part of Greenwich containing . . . thirty acres. . ." Whittemore a bound; signs; no r.d.; wit: Asa Kinney and Tho^{s} Amsden; ack. 5 Mar. 1798; recd. 27 Nov. 1798. (Hampshire Deeds, 13:477.)

How did Benjamin Woods acquire the rest of his property? For the next year, he held over ninety acres in Greenwich.

The Direct Tax in Massachusetts was made in October 1798 and there is but one known copy of this which is in the possession of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. It was enacted on real property over $100, of course includes Maine, and consists of printed lists, filled-in by hand at that time, in twenty huge volumes. There is a listing of towns but each page has to be scanned in each district.

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*Worcester Probate, A.66916.

**In Feb. 1959, I had Dr. Claude-W. Barlow, of Clark University, check both the File and the copy books, or volumes, in this estate and in the the widow's to see if a receipt could be found for Benjamin - negative.

The groupings are by townships. The 8th Division included Hampshire County (Franklin County not set off until 1811), and the 7th Division embraced Worcester County. I covered for Athol, Petersham and Gerry, 6th District, 7th division, Volume 14, and the same volume, 7th District for Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree. 4th District, 8th division, Volume 17, includes together, Pelham, Greenwich, Belchertown and Ware, pages 78-540 and these pages were scanned carefully. The results of my search of Hardwick grouping (for Ensign David), and for 1st District 8th division Volume 16 (for Benjamin of Orange), will appear in the Addenda. In 17:78-540, we find both Benjamin Skinner and Benjamin Wood (no final "S"), in Greenwich.

As to Benjamin Woods, resident in Greenwich:

"Benj^{a} Wood" of Greenwich, owned and lived on a farm there which was bounded north by John Stone and south by Abijah Sibley, and contained one house, 26 by 24 feet, and barn, 30 by 30 feet. He also held another lot "one" the "plane" which was bounded north by Ebenezer Whitmore (Whittemore?), the house thereon being worth $30 and the barn $38, total value of the land taxed was $600. (Penmanship faded). (17:348, 4th District, 8th Division, Direct Tax, 1798, Mass., originals.)

He also held a farm, described as above, bounded north by John Stone and south by Abijah Sibley, which contained one house, 26 by 24 feet, and one barn, 30 by 30 feet, and another lot on the "plane" bounded north by Ebenezer Whitmore (Whittemore?), with house at $30 and barn at $38, 93 acres valued at $600. (this is a repetition of p. 348 except the 93 acres added.) (ibid., p.548.)

He owned and occupied a farm in Greenwich with two houses thereon

(i.e, buildings, house and barn) and 93 acres, valued at $600. (ibid., p.536.)

No Benjamin Woods was taxed as a land owner, worth over $100, at this time in Athol, Petersham, Gerry, Hardwick, Oakham, New Braintree, Pelham, Belchertown, Ware, Northfield, Warwick or Montague.. There was a Benjamin who held a small plot of land in Orange, about whom see the Addenda. He was one of the contemporaries and lived in the part of Athol that became Orange.

A recapitulation of the Census of 1790, showed no Benjamin Wood, or Woods, in Petersham or Athol, and we have noted our man in Greenwich. His family as listed, see page 7, was probably Benjamin and his wife, with three sons under sixteen and three daughters. The sons would be Benjamin, baptised 1777, Justus, born 1783 and our David, born 1786; the daughters, if they all lived, would be Mary, Betty, Susa, Laodocia, and Hepzibah. (Yes, two of them may have died or married by August 1790.) Cynthia and Hepzibah were alive in 1812, and the last named in 1816.

Turning to the next Census, that of 1800, also enumerated from the first Monday in August, Greenwich, Petersham and Hardwick, the three towns from which Dana was formed in 1801, shows no Benjamin Woods, as head of a family, nor is he listed in New Salem, Athol or Gerry. His neighbor, and his son's father-in-law, Benjamin Skinner, appears, as see his account, but not Woods. He was omitted by some careless census taker, which sometimes happened. In 1810 and again in 1820, he does appear, which will be considered later in this chapter.

During Dana's first twenty years, there were itinerant Methodist

preachers who came there and a Class of Methodists was organized; among the members of this first Class was "Benjamin Woods," no date given. However no regular church was established until 1830, after his death, when the "Liberal Congregational Society" held its meetings in the hall of the home of "Justice" (Justus) Woods, whose father was an earnest Methodist. There was no regular church of any faith in Dana until 1852, the townsfolks either attended these Methodist or the occasional Baptist meetings, and the regular churches in the surrounding towns.* (Hurd's 1889 History of Worcester Co., re Dana, 1322-1330.)

As to Dana's formation, see page 2, of this chapter. Briefly, Benjamin's home farm lay in the part of Greenwich which became Dana, in February 1801.

Benjamin's mother, Martha (Wheeler)Woods, lived to great age; her holograph will of 3 Jan. 1809 was filed 6 July 1819. Her second bequest was to her eldest son, Benjamin Woods, to whom she gave her "Great Bible." There is no other mention of him in the file or in the copy books. Notes on her estate are included in the account of her husband, Ensign David[4] Woods, in the Addenda.

Worcester County had been set off from Suffolk and Middlesex Counties in 1731, plus the addition of just one town in Hampshire County - Broolfield. Our attention, as Benjamin from February 1801 until his death in March 1828, was resident in this county, turns to the land evidence recorded in the Worcester Deeds. The first indexes of deeds at Worcester, 1731-1839, do not give where the land

*Dana et vic., was rather a Shaker stronghold at one time, and it is estimated there were about 100 of that faith there. A Congregational Society was organized in Dana in 1852 as a Mission, by Dr. Storrs of New Braintree and eventually became the Congregational Church of Dana.

was located, but in the grantee index, recently the towns have been written-in, but not the grantor. As the year date cited in deed indexes indicates the year the deed was recorded and not the year it was enacted, one always has to read deeds at a much later period that if the latter were true. Conditions now at Worcester are extremely difficult for the research searcher in the Deeds. In connection with this first index, the names of Benjamin, David, Sally, Sarah, Rusha, Martha, and Jerusha were checked, and all the possible deeds were examined, the early ones only being noted. In all some fifty or more deeds were consulted. The next index, that of 1840-1889, grantor and grantee, gives the place of land. This index was also carefully studied and some of the deeds read, in the above names.* Of the numerous deeds pertaining to a Benjamin, Benjamin Jr., 2d and 3d, only five records apply to our Benjamin of Dana, the first being in 1809, as see below:

22 June 1809, Execution: Benjamin Woods of Dana, Worcester Co., Mass., brought suit against Lemuel Fish, of same, for money due in the amount of $168.49. He won the case (debt) plus $8.41 costs, or a total of $176.90. Fish had not means enough to pay this in cash so some of his land was taken, it being situated in Dana. The committee of three who, 8 July 1809, set off this land comprised Jonathan Bobbett, Benjamin Skinner and Stephen Johnson. The land taken contained some 25 acres and was bounded by Daniel Patten; recd. 15 July 1809. (Worcester Deeds. 173:370.)

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* No deeds were discovered for the contemporary Benjamin of Athol and but one for the contemporary Benjamin of Brookfield (and Alstead, N.H.) I did not search for those applying to Ensign David[4], father of our Benjamin, who was of Hardwick-New Braintree, only for his estate-deeds from 1807. Those of Benjamin were read and noted, 1768-1889.

The Census of 1810, enumerated from first day of August, reveals our "Benjamin Wood" of Dana, as head of a household consisting of one male and one female, over 45 (himself and wife), one male and one female, between 16 and 26, one male and one female, between 10 and 16, two males under 10, and one female, between 26 and 45. It is evident that he then had in his home some of his "in-laws" and grandchildren. (The only other Wood, or Woods, listed there in that year is a Stephen Wood, with wife, both aged between 26 and 45, and son under 10, who does not appear in the next (1820) census in Dana. Could this Stephen be another child of Benjamin's? However, a Levi Wood had been listed in Greenwich in 1800, Stephen may have been related to him.)

Whilst I was coping with the various Greenwich Records, at Quabbin, my helper covered the Town Minutes of Dana, as they are not in print as are the (scant) Dana Vital Records. The Minutes were quickly scanned, as the day was getting late, from their beginning, March 1801 until March 1821; the period 1821-1828 was not done. The fist book, runs to 1820 and is paginated, much of it is in the hand, a beautiful one, of Justus Woods, Benjamin's son, who was a Town Clerk there for some years. In the period scanned, but one mention of Benjamin Woods was discovered:

Meeting held, 3 Dec. 1810, at which time a committee was appointed to sell the pews and make a report, this committee to consist of three men, viz: "Benjamin Skinner Benjamin Woods William Bancroft Jr." (p.86.)

In March 1815, Justus Woods served on a committee to see about school masters and mistresses. (p.129.)

There is no recorded service for Benjamin in the War of 1812-1814,

but of course at that time he would be rather old to be on duty! During the 1810-1820 decade he appears in three land records:

26 Mar. 1812, "I Benjamin Woods of Dana . . . Yeoman for . . . four hundred Dollars paid to me by (son) Justus Woods of Dana..... Yeoman . . . convey to the said Justus . . . Land lying in Dana . . . containing . . . thirty acres," bounded by land of late Ebenezer Whittemore and that of Samuel Clark; signs; no. r. d. ; wit: Cynthia Woods and Hepzibah Woods; ack. 28 Mar. 1812; recd. 1 Dec. 1812. (Worcester Deeds, 184:465.)

16 Jan. 1816, "I Benjamin Woods of Dana . . . yeoman for . . . one thousand one hundred and sixty seven dollars paid to me by Skelton Felton . . . and lying in Dana containing by estimation ninety eight Acres;" bounded by John Stone and Jacob Amsden, "In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Woods and Sarah the wife of said Benjamin have set our hands & seals . . . Benjamin Woods Sarah Woods;" Wit: Justus Woods and Hepzibah Woods; ack. 17 Jan. 1816; recd. 21 June 1816. (ibid., 202:20.)*

5 June 1820, " I Justus Woods of Dana . . . yeoman for . . . three hundred dollars paid by Benjamin Woods of Dana . . . yeoman . . . convey unto the said Benjamin . . . land lying in said Dana on the west side of the County road that leads towards New Salem;" bounded by land owned by Benjamin Skinner and Nathan Stone, "which would run so as to include that part of my buildings which the said Benjamin Woods now lives in and one half the wood house," and by the county road, "containing by estimation, five acres"; signs; no r.d.; wit: Roxelana Hill and Willard Rice; ack. same day; recd. the next day. (ibid., 221:189.)

*This property probably comprised the 93 acres that he was taxed on at Greenwich, in Oct. 1798. And there was inflation in 1816!

The sale made in 1816, noted above, to which Sarah, wife of Benjamin, releases her dower rights, is our only record for her in addition to her 1770 marriage in New Braintree!

In Dana, Census of 1820, enacted from first Monday of August, we find living next door to Justus Woods and his family, Benjamin Woods, who had but one male and female, both over 45, and one female under 10, in his home.** This was probably Benjamin and his wife, Sarah, and a grandchild or some young relative or servant. Neither Justus or Benjamin appear in Dana in the Census of 1830, but we do locate the former there, Census of 1840, who had one male and one female, between 50 and 60, and others. By 1850, no Wood or Woods was head of a family in Dana.

Benjamin passed one more deed before his death:

14 June 1827, "I Benjamin Woods of Dana . . . Yeoman in consederation of thirty three dollars and sixteen cents paid by Joseph Giddings of the same Dana Physician . . . do . . . convey unto the said Joseph . . . land lying in Dana Containing five acres"; bounded by Benjamin Skinner and Nathan Stone, "so as to include that part of the buildings formerly owned by Justus Woods" which he conveyed to me, 5 June 1820, as recorded 221:189, "and which Buildings I then occupied together with one half of the wood house"; signs; no r,d.; wit: Apollos Johnson J.P. and Sarah Rice; ack. same day; recd. 19 June 1827. (Worcester Deeds, 257:74.)

From the 1820 census evidence it would seem that Sarah, his wife, was alive in that year, but she does not quit her dower rights in the

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**No other Wood or Woods are listed there in 1820, none at all in 1830, and only Justus in 1840. It is apparent that David's siblings had also shaken the Dana dust from their feet.

above sale of 1827. Benjamin had now disposed of his real property; there is no formal settlement of his estate, or of his wife's, in the Worcester Probate. There are no (as of 1938) extant gravestones for them and neither of their deaths are given in the Dana Vital Records.*

The death of Benjamin Woods was obtained from the typed and indexed notices of Marriages and Deaths from the Columbian Centinel, 1784-1840, this newspaper being published in Boston:

"Woods, Benjamin, d. in Dana, aged 81." (Issue of 22 Mar. 1828.)

Checking this paper, of which we own a complete file at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, we find; said issue, page two, sixth column:

"In Dana, Mr. Benjamin Woods, age 81."

This checks with his birth in 1747 perfectly.

My research and this careful summary of the positive results show that there are no extant records of the births of Benjamin's children in Greenwich, and that there is a hiatus at the very time that his son, David[6] Woods, for whom see the next chapter, would have been baptised in the Church there. Also there is no extant birth record for Almira[7] Woods, David's eldest child, who was undoubtedly born in Dana, for at the time of her birth (16 June 1805), all four of her grandparents were living in Dana. David just never recorded her birth in Dana and there is no baptismal record for her

*The epitaphs were copied of the gravestones in the inundated Towns by the Commonwealth of Mass., in 1938, at which time any remains were transferred mainly to Quabbin Park Cemetery, in Ware. These records were typed and indexed by the D.A.R., 1940. There are no epitaphs that apply for Benjamin, Sally, Sarah, Hepsibah, Cynthia etc. We do find those for Justus and his wife, vide post. (Quabbin Epitaphs, 1940.)

in Greenwich, Petersham or Hardwick. As the family had by that time become Methodists, who did not believe in infant or child baptism, we can readily understand this lack. More of this later.

As to names that Benjamin gave his children: Mary (or Polly), Betty (or Elizabeth), Benjamin, Susa (or Susannah), Laodocia, Justus, David, Hepsibah and Cynthia: Benjamin had sisters Mary and Hepsibah and father, David; his wife Sarah had nephew Justus and niece Betsey, mother Elizabeth and sister Susannah; Laodocia and Cynthia were fancy names of that era and based on the Classical influence so strong here at that time. Benjamin may have had other children, as was pointed out in the records of baptism.

Children born and baptised in Greenwich, Hampshire County, Mass.:

i. Mary (Polly)[6] , bapt. 25 Oct. 1772.

ii. Betty (Elizabeth), bapt. 10 July 1773.

iii. Benjamin, bapt. 31 Aug. 1777.

iv. Susa or Susannah, bapt. 12 July 1778.

v. Laodocia, probably b. about 1781, not stated to be a twin, when bapt. 7 Sept. 1783.

vi. Justus, b. 17 June 1783, bapt. 7 Sept. 1783, d. 3 Nov. 1846, aged 67, Dana (son of Benjamin and "Cyntha" sic, she was his sister (Dana V.R.) He m. there 26 Sept. 1813, Lucretia Amsden, who survived him. Bur. in Browns Evergreen Cem., Dana, and now bur. Quabbin were: Justus, d. 3 Nov. 1846, Aged 63 and his wife, Lucretia, d. 12 Mar. 1869, aged 81. (Quabbin Epitaphs, part I:202.) He first appears in the Census in Dana, in 1820, with one male and one female, 26-45; two males and one female, 16-26; one female, 10-16, and one male and three females under 10; obviously more than one family in his home. He was then next door to his father. He was omitted in 1830 and his widow in 1850, but in 1840 , we find he had one male and one female, between 50 and 60; one male, 15-20; one male 5-10; one female, 20-30; and two females, 10-15. We have noted his conveyances with his father in 1812 and 1820, but the rest of his deeds were not covered. He also witnessed his father's deed of 1816. Hurd* mentions "Justice Woods, whose father was an earnest

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* Op. cit., 1329, 1331.

Methodist" at Dana, and that among the town clerks there was "Justice Woods" 1814-1817 and 1836. The search of the original Dana Town Minutes, at Quabbin (vide ante), reveals Justus' fine penmanship, as town clerk, and that he served on a school committee there in 1815. I have made no study of his family but did consult the records of his estate: His will of 14 Oct. 1846, of Dana, weak in body, etc., was proved 8 Dec. 1846, in which he named his wife, Lucretia, and his eight children (names not given); signs; wit: Ebenezer and Burrill Amsden and Sarah-Ann Tolman; inventory lists a 65 acre homestead and house thereon, made 21 Nov. 1846, by Johnson, Sibley and Stone; widow, as executrix had said Johnson and Sibley, all of Dana, on her bond. Lucinda-F. Woods and Benjamin-O Woods, minors above 14, chose jared Weed, of Perersham, their guardian, and so sign, 31 Dec. 1846. (Worcester Probate, A.67125.) I did not consult the guardianships of the others.* Children (eight in 1846), of whom: Lucinda-F. and Benjamin-O., over 14 that year. Date of birth of Justus (from his gravestone) given in Dana V.R.

vii. DAVID, b. 27 Jan. 1786, no record of baptism due to hiatus in Greenwich Church Recds.; m. as of Dana, 2 Dec. 1804, at Barre, Mass., Rusha Skinner of Dana. Vide next chapter.

viii. Child, bapt.-Sept. 1789, of "Mr. Woods," probly Hepsibah, who witnessed her father's deeds in Dana, 1812 and 1816, her brother appearing as a grantee in 1812 and as a witness, with

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*I have more notes about this estate, also re that of Benjamin Woods, Gardner, Mass., who was evidently b. there, 1799, son of Jonathan and Lois. (Worcester Probate, A.66846.)

her, in 1816.

ix. Cynthia, bapt. 9 June 1791; she also withessed her father's 1812 deed with her sister, Hepsibah.

The deaths of the two youngest girls, Hepsibah and Cynthia, do not appear in the Massachusetts State Vital Statistics, that commence in 1841. Presumably they married and moved elsewhere, as did the rest of their siblings except Justus, who remained and died in Dana, in 1846. The chances are that the older children went to York State about the time that David did. This was the period of the great western trek, from New England.

With the exception of sons Justus and David, I do not find likely marriages for the children in Greenwich, Dana, Hardwick, New Braintree, or the adjacent towns. If anyone reading this knows more about the family I would be delighted to hear from them.

PREFACE

I have attempted no search of David's career after he left the Old Bay State. It is obvious that careful verbatim abstracts are needed for his deeds, if any, in Madison County, N.Y., and at St. Lawrence County, N.Y.* Also, the Federal Census should be examined for 1810 for Madison County, in 1820 and 1830 for St. Lawrence County, for David, and those of 1840-1850-1860 for his widow, Rusha. Moreover, the valuable New York State Census, records on file at the county seats, should be searched for the widow in 1855 and 1865, at Canton.

There are other routine sources, published and unpublished, that could be attempted for David and his widow, especially in Albany, Wampsville, and Washington, D.C. There are indexed manuscript collections of primary material at Albany and Washington made by the D.A.R. to be consulted. We have here at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, data on both the New York counties in which we are interested.

If later, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Smith wish me to handle this needed survey, with Mrs. C.W. Taggart's assistance locally, which I would prefer to direct, I will be glad to undertake the quest. Few people appear to know of the State Census and the detailed facts it contains.

March 1959, Lexington, Mass.

Winifred Lovering Holman, S.B.,
F.A.S.G.

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*I have a careful searcher, Mrs. E.P. Smith of Sherburne, N.Y., who does my Madison Co., research for me. Madison was set off from Chenango Co., 21 Mar. 1806. Sherburne is in Chenango Co.

DAVID[6] WOODS (Benjamin[5], Ensign David[4], James[3], James[2], John[1]), born in greenwich, Hampshire County, Mass., 27 Jan.1786, died in Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. , in 1838; no estate. He married, in Barre, Worcester County, Mass., bride and groom residents of Dana, so statedin the record, 2 Dec. 1804, Rusha Skinner, born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., 27 Jan. 1786, died presumably in Oswegatchie, in 26 Jan. 1869, daughter of Benjamin and Lois (Lane) Skinner, of Mansfield, Greenwich and Dana, Mass.*

I have made no study of Benjamin Skinner, but he is mentioned in the previous chapter, and there are some brief notes about him in the Addenda. He served in the Revolution being a pensioner.

St. Lawrence County was formed in 1802 from Clinton, Montgomery and Herkimer Counties, some years before David's advent there; Oswegatchie was established the same year from Lisbon and in 1806 contained three villages: Heuvelton, Ogdensburg and Black Lake. Oswegatchie embraced most of Number Eight of the "ten towns."

As has been clearly set forth, David's father, Benjamin[5] Woods, did not record any of his nine children in the extant Greenwich Vital Records but he did have eight of the children baptised in the church there- all but David. There is a nine-months hiatus in these church records, from January 1786 until November 1786, due to the illness and death of the minister, the Rev. Robert Cutler, who died in Greenwich, 7 Feb. 1786. No minister was installed as his successor until the following November.

It is a tradition that David and his wife celebrated the same day as their birthday, 27 Jan. 1786; however the further story that

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* "Rusha" is a diminutive for Jerusha.

they were also married on the 27 Jan. 1804, is discredited; see later.

On page 14, of the previous chapter, it has been shown that our David and his wife, Rusha, do not appear in the Hampshire, Hampden or Worcester County Deeds, nor is there any settlement of the estate of Benjamin Skinner, Rusha's father in Worcester. I have not had his pension examined.

On page iii will be seen a notarized statement in regard to Woods data that cites that David Woods went to Madison County N.Y., in September 1806, and then to Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., in March 1816, his oldest child, Almira Woods, being gorn in Massachusetts in 1805. This was signed by C.F. Smithers of Heuvelton, 27 December 1958.

An earlier statement was signed by Mr. Smither, not dated and not notarized, which amplifies the above data somewhat, as follows:

"One of the children born to Benjamin and Sarah Woods was David, born in 1786. In 1804 David married Jerusha Skinner, who was daughter of Benjamin Skinner, Jr. (1755-1843) and his wife Lois Lane Skinner (1758-1813). This marriage added another prominent brance to the family tree. . . ."

"Getting back to David Woods, (1786-1838) and Jerusha Skinner Woods, (1786-1869) we find them moving from Massachusetts to Madison (sic),* N.Y. in September, 1806, and from Madison to Oswegatchie in March 1816. Their family consisted of seven children: Almira (Alvira) 1805, Erastus, 1809, Elias, born 1813, Luther, 1815, Phoebe, 1818,

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*Not the town of Madison but the county of that name apparently. W.L.H.

David, Jr. 1823, Sylvia, 1824."

"David, Sr. was a carpenter by trade and helped build some of the oldest buildings in Ogdensburg, before purchasing one hundred ares of land from Samuel Ogden. This land was known as part of the Van Solanger Tract. The home was established where the William Duvall home now is, at the corner of the Hutchinson and Ogdensburg roads, about one mile from Heuvelton." ante 1955

"The home was carved out of the primeval forest. It was necessarily large to accomodate the growing family and conform with some of the homes they had known in New England. It was the first frame house in that immediate vicinity, and had several huge log-burning fire-places. The one in the kitchen was equipped to care for the cooking and baking needs of the family and was the source of great convenience, not only to Mrs. Woods, but to some of the Indians who were in this section at that time. Nights, after the family had retired, it was not unusual for some of the Indians to use the family fire-place to cook a supply of food. They never destroyed or molested anything belonging to the Woods family, and always left a generous portion of their game as a token of friendship. In the summer they would bring Mrs. Woods game and berries."

"In January, 1860, David Woods Jr., (1823-1895) married Elizabeth Leonard, (1838-1910) whose parents, Matthew and Ellen Leonard had come from Ireland and established a home at the corner of what we now know as the Ogdensburg and Pinkerton Roads. David, Jr. was a harness maker as well as a farmer and after taking over the homestead from his mother, he had a harness shop on the farm, where two men were employed. He was a dealer in farm implements and sold the first reaper used in this section."

"In 1870 he replaced the original house with one more modern. The second burned after the farm was transferred to the new owners. The house now standing on the orininal site in (is?) the Legg house which was moved from across the Ogdensburg road after the fire."

"David, Jr. and Elizabeth Leonard were the parents of five children. The first child, a son, and the second child, a daughter, died in infancy, The surviving children, three daughters, were Belle, born 1866, Bertha, 1870, and Carrie, born 1876 . . . . Carrie (1876-1955) graduated as a R.N. and married Dr. G.M. Austin, DDS, on July 27, 1898."

Thus we learn that the first frame house in the vicinity of Oswegatchie was built by our David Woods and was demolished by his son, David Jr., in 1870, being erected on an one hundred acre tract purchesed of the Ogdens. Also, David Jr., tool over the old place from his mother, date not cited, but surely post 1838. We notice that it was a year after her death that he built the second house on the same site, which later burned.

I think it was reported to my clients that there is no record of the settlements of the estates of David and his widow, Rusha, in the Surrogate's Office at Canton but I personally have not checked on the matter. It would seem to me there might be some estate-deeds passed by the widow's heirs, after her death.

In April 1917, Carrie (Woods) Austin, Granddaughter of David[6] Woods, applied for membership in the D.A.R., on the basis of the services of her ancestor, Benjamin Skinner, which paper was accepted the following June. We have a photostatic copy of this entrance paper, National Number 132515, which was signed by the applicant before a Notary, and which

gives her grandfather as David Woods, born 1787, died 1808 (sic); married 1804, Jerusha Skinner, born 1786, died 26 Jan. 1869, etc. The "1808" could be "1838" for I have not seen the original application paper only a photostatic copy. In the published D.A.R. Rolls, 133:162-163, in which her lineage appears, the date is correctly given as 1838.

A letter dated 27 Oct. 1958, with address of 808 Washington St., Ogdensburg, N.Y., and signed by Catherine W. Taggart, to Mrs. Smith, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Chisholm, states that she checked the Grantee Index at Canton? and found four deeds where David Woods Sr., bought land from the Ogdens from July 1818 through April 1819, the first purchase giveing his residence as Oswegatchie. She relates that she did not have time to read these deeds thououghly, but she did see that on the 1865 Plat Map of Oswegatchie that a D. Woods and a J. Legg were across the road from one another, this side of Heuvelton. She says nothing about David's grantor deeds on file there, nor any deeds, grantor or grantee, for the widow. (They should all be carefully abstracted with dates, names of witnesses, references and so on.)

So we learn that by July 1818, David was already resident in Oswegatchie, to which he had moved, according to Mrs. Austin, in March 1816.

Dr. Clark has in her possession the fragment of an old letter, written by Sarah (Salsbury)Smith, daughter of Almira[7] (Woods) Salsbury and thus a granddaughter of David Woods Sr. The letter is not dated and no address is given but accouding to a notarized statement, attached to the letter, signed by Nellie (Salsbury) Hinman, St. Paul, Minn., 14 July 1932, it is stated that the "two sheets purporting to

be pages 7, 8 and 9 are in the handwriting of the said Sarah Salsbury and that "she is acquainted with the handwriting of said Sarah Salsbury Smith." The following is my own copy of the photocopy in my files:*

"My mother was Born in Mass near Boston (sic) her father and Mother were married on their Birthday when they were 19 (sic) years old both of one age, when my Mother was one year old her father Moved to York State and Settled in the town of De Peyster and lived there a few years, Sold out and bought the land they lived on when you(r) pa was there last it was a timberd country sollid timber all through to Ogdensburg I have heard grandfather Woods say when he landed in York State he had a wife and child 5 dollars and an ax and that was all he did have, he learned to be a good carpenter after he got there.

My fathers folks came from conneticut I dont know when father was born when he was quite a young man his folks moved 4 miles west of Ogdensburgh in heavy timberd country, but when I first knew it it was a nice farm with a big apple orchard. the farm had a road through the midle and stone walls on each side of the road. It lay just a little slanting to the south and a nice creek ran through the south side I know now it was a nice farm.

My grandmother Salsbury's Maden name was chapen She was call(ed) Polly all over they country they were called uncle Jim and aunt polly but in the big Bible it was Mary** I have seen her her (sic) father hundreds of times, he was a soilder in the revelution he had a pension

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*I have also seen the original pages which Dr. Clark loaned to me and which I had photocopied, together with the attached notarization. W.L.H.

**Polly is a nickname for Mary, see my article (1958) in the American Gen., re female diminutives. Undoubtedly I would be able to read the original fragment better than the photocopy. One wonders where the Old Bible is now? W.L.H.

but I dont remember much he was one hundred and 13 years old, he died the same year William Henry Harrison was Elected president (1841 inserted here), not a year before he died he walked to the ---?, one time he was at our house and Mother had a boild dinner and Mary and I both wanted the Marrow out of a ham bone, he told me that the marrow out of hogs bones would make girls lazy, I have never eat any since he told me if I eat up all the ---? It would make me wise and I always do *

that must of been as much as 74 years ago aunt Mary can tell you some thing about him, My Grand mother Woods' Maden name was Skinner - Rusha Skinner.

I have seen my fathers Grandfather and grand Mother I remember they were nice looking old folks and lived with their daughter uncle John Lyons wife aunt paitence I think I have written all you will care to read

Augusta is making the hot bed today Mabel has an incubator with some 50 Eggs Augusta has an old fashond one with 15, Eggs it sets in the hen coop

how does Elias get along with one eye I hope to hear your father is better has Ora and husbon Moved to the west yet, tell me about Harry and wife and Baby Timmie has a girl baby at his house write when you can yours with love to all, from Aunt Sarah to Minnie Salsbury."

As Sarah (Salsbury) Smith was writing about events seventy four years ago, when she was a small girl, and as she was born between 1820 and 1825, this would place her letter as written in the late 1890's, I suppose if Nellie (Salsbury) Hinman is alive, she might be able to inform us who the Minnie Salsbury was, where the writer was living and

* The missing words are "burg" and "crumbs" as supplied by Mrs. Smith.

how she, herself, fits into the picture. These facts are probably known to my clients but not to me.

There are three deeds pertaining to the estate of David Woods that are recorded in Canton, N.Y., and include the name of Almira (Woods) Salsbury; probably there are other deeds, on file there, that deal with David's estate and with his widow's estate, which would be of value to us?

From photocopies of these three deeds supplied by the County Clerk, I have made these brief abstracts:

6 Aug. 1849, "Indenture . . . between Rushe Woods Erastus Woods & Caroline C. Woods his wife David Woods Elias Woods Sylvia Woods Jesse M. Legg & Phebe his wife all of . . . Oswegatchie . . . New York and James L. Salsbury of . . . Spencer . . . County of Medina . . . Ohio and Almira his wife of the first part and James Forsyth Administrator and Jane Allen Administratrix of William G. Allen Deceased in trust for the benefit of the heirs of the said William G. Allen Deceased of the second part . . ." Whereby the parties of the first part, for $600, convey to the parties of the second part, "Land . . . in the village of Ogdensburg" county and state aforesaid, as described in a deed executed by Jotham Ford to "David Woods since Deceased" 1 Oct 1818, Lot Number (illeg.) on Euphemia St., etc.; Warranty conveyance; signed by mark of Rushe Woods and by signatures of Jesse M. Legg, Phebe Legg, David, Elias, Sylvia and Erastus Woods, and by Caroline C. Woods, James L. Salsbury and Almira Salsbury; wit: R.W. Juleon(?), William H. "Sallsbury" by mark, and by Schuyler Putnam for James L. and Almira Salsbury. The signers appeared, except the two Salsburys, 6 Aug. 1849,

and ack. The Salsburys ack. 1 Sept. 1849 at Lucerne Co., Ohio, before Schuyler Putnam, as Commissioner of Deeds for State of N.Y.* Recd. 18 Sept. 1849 by Martin Thatcher, Clerk. (St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., Deeds, 41B:554.)

21 Oct. 1850, "Know that James L. Salsbury and Almira his wife of the Town of Sharon in the County of Medina and State of Ohio for . . . one Hundred and Twenty Dollars . . . paid by Elias Woods of . . . Oswegatchie in the County of St. Lawrence . . . quitclaim unto the said Elias . . . All those fifty acres . . . in . . . Oswegatchie aforesd in . . . New York," being the same fifty acres conveyed 30 Jan. 1818 by Thomas L. Ogden and David B. Ogden "to David Woods the father of the party of the second part," refers to Book 5, page 202, of St. Lawrence Co., Deeds; also another fifty-acre piece on the Old State Road in said town, bounded by the Pinneys as of 11 Mar. 1819, as conveyed 11 Mar. 1819 by the said two Ogdens, "to David Woods the father of the second party" refers to Book 5, p.334, of said Deeds; signed by James L. Salsbury and Almira Salsbury; wit: Schuyler Putnam and Isaac Payne; ack. at Lorraine Co., Ohio, by Schuyler Putnam, as Commissioner for N.Y., who res. in Elyria, Ohio, 25 Apr. 1851; certified by A.G. Johnson, Deputy Sec. of State for N.Y., 10 July 1851; recd. by Israel R. Tupper, Dep.Clerk, 30 July 1851. (ibid., 43B:580.)

28 June 1851, "James L. Salsbury and Almira his wife of Spencer Medina County and state of Ohio, parties of the first part, Luther Woods, Lucretia his wife of La Grange County and state aforesaid, parties of the second part, Eustas Woods & Caroline his wife of Oswegatchie County of St. Lawrence & State of New York, parties of the third part

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*1 Sept. 1849, under the Laws of N.Y., William H. Salsbury declares he res. Lagrange, Lucerne Co., Ohio, and knows the James L. Salsburys etc. Who was this William-H. Salsbury?

and Jesse M. Legg, Phoebe his wife of the town, County and State last aforesaid, parties of the fourth part, for" $300, "to them in hand paid by David Woods, party of the fifth part of . . . Oswegatchie . . ." each party to receive $75, "Quit Claim unto the said David Woods & his heirs and assigns forever all the right . . . in and to . . . fifty acres of land . . . in Oswegatchie," as conveyed, 30 Jan. 1818, by Thomas S., and David B., Ogden, "to David Woods the father of the above mentioned David Woods," and recd. Book 5, page 202, St. Lawrence Co., Deeds; also fifty acres there on the Old State Road, near 30 acres occupied by Young H.,and William W.,Pinney, 11 Mar. 1819, and conveyed that date to the said David Woods, father of the above mentioned David Woods, and recd. Book 5, page 334, said county, with all rights and interest, etc., thereunto; signed by: "James L. Salbury Almira Salsbury Luther Woods Lucretia Woods Erastus Woods Caroline C. Woods J.M. Legg:Phebe Legg;" Schuyler Putnam and H.S. Rockwood wit. the first four signatures and Nathan F. Griffin wit. the rest. 24 July 1851, ack. by the last four before the said Griffin, a J.P. Schuyler Putnam, Commissioner for State of N.Y., res. Elyria, Loraine Co., Ohio, certified that, 7 July 1851, James L. Salsbury and wife, Almira, with Luther Woods and wife, Lucretia, ack; signs same day. It is certified that at the time the said Putnam was taking oaths on sales pursant to Chapter 270, Laws of 1850, etc., as wit. 27 Dec. 1851, Albany, N.Y., by A.G. Johnson, Dep. Sec. of State. Recd. 7 Jan. 1852, by George S. Webster, Clerk. (ibid., 44C:257.)

Surely the 1850 census for all these grantors would be of interest, both in New York State and in Ohio, for this census gives ages and place of birth.

Children, last three born in Oswegatchie; St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.:

i. ALMIRA, b. 15 June 1805, Dana, Worcester Co., Mass.; m. James Leonard Salsbury; vide post.

ii. Erastus, b. 1809, Madison Co., N.Y., d. 18 Aug. 1899, prob. Oswegatchie; m. by 1849, Caroline-C. ---. Perhaps his wife came from Oswego? Children (Woods), at least Frederic-E., only son, who d. Dec. 1879, aged 30, St. Lawrence Republican, issue 17 Dec. 1879: At his res. Heuvelton, of T.B., Frederic-E., only son of Erastus Woods, aged 30 yrs., Oswego papers please copy. (not quoted.)* **

iii. Elias, b. 1813, Madison Co., d. unm. post 1850, then of Oswegatchie.

iv. Luther, b. 1815, Madison Co., res. 1851, La Grange Co., Ohio; m. 21 Apr. 1840, St. Lawrence Co., by the Rev. J. H. Savage, Lucretia Robinson.* He sold property to Elias Woods, date not cited. (St. Lawrence Co., Deeds, 33:417.)*

v. Phebe, b. 1818, d. 1884; m. 1845, Jesse-M. Legg, b. 1820, d. 1874. In 1851, they res. Oswegatchie. Children (Legg), at least, Bianca-E.; m. --- Hutchinson (vide D.A.R. Rolls, 118:244; 82:256-257, for more data; these applications were not filed through the Woods ancestry.)

vi. David Jr., b. 23 Sept. 1823, d. 13 Sept. 1895, Heuvelton, village in Oswegatchie; m. late in life, Jan. 1860 (not 1863), Elizabeth Leonard, b. 1838, d. 1910, dau. of Matthew and Ellen (---) Leonard. St. Lawrence Republican, issue 18 Sept. 1895,

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*Records supplied by Mrs. Taggart.

** Erastus had a daughter, Laura, b. 1840.

in Heuvelton on the Ogdensburg Road, 13 Sept. 1895, Mr. David Woods, aged 72 years., lacking 10 days, who was born and always lived on farm where he died, etc., left wife and 3 daus.: Mrs. James Powell of Heuvelton, Mrs. C.F. Jones of Ogdensburg and Carrie Woods, who is with her mother (not quoted.)* Children (Woods), (1) Son, b. about 1861, d. inf.; (2) Daughter, b. about 1863, d. inf.; (3) Belle, b. 1866, res. 1895 Heuvelton; m. James Powell, had Helen Powell, living 1955; (4) Bertha, b. 1870, res. 1895, Ogdensburg; m. C.F. Jones; (5) Carrie, b. 1876, an R.N., d.s.p. 1955, Heuvelton; m. post 1895, G.M. Austin, D.D.S.; she was interested in her ancestry and her papers, thanks to C.F. Smithers (vide ante), are at the Heuvelton Public Library; she became a member of the D.A.R., in 1917, through services of Benjamin Skinner. (D.A.R. Rolls, #132515, 133:162-163.) He is said to have bought out the rights to his father's place, from his mother, surely there is some record of her quit-claim of her dower?

vii. Sylvia, b. 1824, res. Oswegatchie, 1851, unm. Perhaps m. later?

*Records supplied by Mrs. Taggart.

ALMIRA[7] WOODS, born in Dana, Mass., 16 June 1805, died in Elroy, Wis., 3 Jan. 1892, buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Juneau County, daughter of David and Rusha(Skinner)Woods. She married, probably in Oswegatchie, N.Y., about 1820, James-Leonard Salsbury, born in Washington County, N.Y., 29 Jan. 1798, died in Elroy, 4 Jan. 1868, buried as above, son of James and Polly(Chapin) Salsbury; his mother was a native of Connecticut.*

I have done no research on Almira and her family but supply below these data sent me by her descendants who furnished the following:

"Wife

Almira Wood Salsbury

Born June 16th 1805 - Wooster (County) Mass.
12 Childrens"

"Sarah, Mary, Mandy, Jane,
Almira, Elias, David, James,
Henry, Adeline and Lau-re-ett, too
Sylvia-Amelia, and I guess that will do."**

Lauretta Salsbury Thatcher
Chester
Selden
Charles ***
Edna
Pearl"

"Husband

James Leonard Salsbury
Born Nov 29th 1798
Connecticut(sic.) His mothers maiden name was Chapin(Mary) - Her father (1752-Nov.1839) was a soldier in the Revolutionary war . . . . . .

William Thatcher

Mrs. Taggart states that there are no Salsbury estates filed ante 1929 in St. Lawrence County Surrogate.

The Salsburys were of Medina County, Ohio, August 1849; of Sharon that county, October 1850; and of Spencer, same county, in June 1851, vide ante.

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*This branch of the family dropped the "i" in Salisbury.
** This verse has come down through the generations; Jane was Patience-Jane (Salsbury)Payne, whose son, Frank-Ernest Payne, was the maternal grandfather of Dr. Helen S. Clark.
***Charles-Ross Thatcher, the father of Mrs. Fred-W. Smith.

Almira[7](Woods)Salsbury
continued:

Children, first seven born in New York, rest in Ohio:

i. Sarah Salsbury, b. between 1820 and 1825, living 1890's somewhere; m. Ashley Smith. She was the writer of the letter of which but a fragment is extant.

ii. Mary Salsbury, b. 27 Feb. 1827, d. post 1904, Plymouth, Wis.; m. in Spencer, Ohio, date not known, Hale Salisbury. They were not closely related.

iii. Amanda Salsbury, b. 4 Dec. 1828; m. 1848, Lorimer Co., Ohio, Luther Hill. (Is not Loraine Co., meant?)

iv. PATIENCE-JANE SALSBURY, b. 8 Oct. 1830, Oswegatchie(village of Ogdensburg), N.Y., d. 7 Jan. 1892, Cedar Springs, Mich.; m. 14 July 1849, Spencer, the Rev. Jeremiah Payne, b. 5 June 1827, Niagara Co., N.Y., d. 1905, Sparta, Wis., bur. Cedar Springs, son of Hiram and Calista(Smith)Payne.

v. Almira Salsbury, b. 5 Aug. 1835, Oswegatchie(village of Ogdensburg), d. 12 Jan. 1892, Cedar Springs; m. 1856, prob. Medina Co., Ohio, Eli Stoddard.

vi. Elias Salsbury, b. 1837, d. post 1904, Plymouth; m. --- Winchester. Perhaps the Elias who lost an eye as mentioned in the abovesaid letter?

vii. David Salsbury, b. 23(or 25) July 1839, Morristown, N.Y.; m. Ellen Goodwin. Children(Salsbury), Minnie, to whom said letter was written; Nellie; m. --- Hinman, in whose possession the said letter was recovered and photostated.

viii. James-Leonard Salsbury, b. 1842, d. 28 Dec. 1918, Clear Lake, Wis.

ix. Henry-M. Salsbury, b. 1843, d. 27 July 1894, Elroy, or Chippewa Falls, Wis.

x. Adeline Salsbury, b. 1845, d. 12 Aug. 1925, no place cited; m. Augustus White.

xi. LAURETTA SALSBURY, b. 8 Feb. 1848, Spencer, d. 22 Feb. 1934, Salem, Oregon; m. 20 Oct. 1863, Plymouth, William Thatcher, b. 19 Feb. 1834, Medina Co., Ohio, d. 29 May 1902, Clear Lake, son of Bartholomew and Dorcas(Wendle)Thatcher, natives of Pa.

xii. Sylvia-Amelia Salsbury, b. 1850, Spencer, d. 18 Dec. 1928, Chicago, Ill.; m. Jacob Hicks. Child(Hicks), Florence; perhaps others.

ADDENDA

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1. Ensign David[4] Woods, father of Benjamin Woods.
2. Two contemporary Benjamin Woods.
3. Benjamin Skinner, father-in-law of David Woods.
4. Suggestions for further research.
5. Sources consulted as of December 1958.

ENSIGN DAVID[4] WOODS

ENSIGN DAVID[4] WOODS (James[3], James[2], John[1]), of Sudbury-Marlborough Woods family, born in Marlborough, Middlesex County, Mass., 12 June 1720, died in New Braintree, Worcester County, Mass., 2 Apr. 1807, testate. He married (intention in Hardwick, 11 Feb. 1743-44), in Marlborough, 10 May 1744, Martha Wheeler, who died in New Braintree, 21 May 1819, aged about ninety-two, testate, parentage and birth not investigated.*

Three brothers were active in the formation of New Braintree, David, James and Jonathan Woods, "who came from Marlboro' respectively in 1744, 1746 and 1752." (1902 150th Anniversary of New Braintree.) In 1749, David and James with others, all of the part of Hardwick, Worcester County, Mass., east of Ware River, were anxious to be made into a separate district; this was achieved two years later and thus the District of New Braintree was formed in 1751, becoming a town, in 1775. From 1751 until 1778, David served a Clerk of the precinct and Township of New Braintree, being chosen to this office at the first meeting held there, 13 Mar. 1751, at which time James was named the treasurer. David held other offices as well, such as Assessor and so on.** (ibid., also Hurd's 1889 Hist. Worcester County, pp. 667-685.)

As stated on page 14 of this account, no search has been made in Middlesex or Worcester Counties for the records of David's land transactions or for his widow's; the results of such an examination would add much of family interest. In 1790, we find in New Braintree these Woods: David, with two males over 16, one below 16 and three females in

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* I do not think her identification and ancestry would be difficult. W.L.H.
**Thus this David qualifies as an ancestor for the D.A.R., through his civil service.

his household; James; James Jr.; Jonathan; Ephraim; George; and John. Also a James Amams. David drew his will in March 1794, which was proved in April 1807, vide post .

An explanation about the Massachusetts Direct Tax of October 1798 is given on page 10. We find in Volume 14, 7th division, 7th district, the towns of Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree grouped together and in two sections. In the first section, Pages 598-694, of New Braintree are these Wood-Woods: Daniel (?David), James, Jonathan and George; in the second part, pages 638-639, of the same town and names: James, Jonathan, George, Daniel (?David), Samuel and Asa.

I did not have the 1800 and the 1810 census records covered for David and Martha Woods of New Braintree. The will of the latter was made, in January 1809 and proved in July 1819, vide post.

As David was accorded the title of "Ensign," I thought there might be some record of his services in one of the French (or Colonial) Wars. But my search of the French Wars indexe (1710-1774), showed nothing that applied to our David of Hardwick-New Braintree; and the one item for a David in the Military Index (1643-1774), 76:38, does not pertain to him. The Civil Index (1686-1744), is too early a period for him. The General Index reveals three mentions of our David of Hardwidk-New Braintree, one of the documents contains his signature. (Mass. Archives, 115:480; 12:663; 46:410-414.)* He probably received his military appelation in the local train band which a study of the original Town Minutes would prove.

It is sad that the published (1904) New Braintree Vital Records do not include the church records or the epitaphs, etc. According to

*Photocopies of any of these are easily obtained from the Mass. Archives.

Wright's 1902 Report of the Public Records of Mass., the church was established in 1754 (with the Rev. Benjamin Ruggles as the first settled minister, from 18 Apr. 1754), but the records do not begin until 1779 and are scant before 1796. In April 1907, there was published in Volume 61, of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, this note on Page 220:

"Woods. - The following is a copy of a (a) paper in the possession of Mrs. Martha B. Bishop, of North Brookfield, Mass., granddaughter of Lucy Woods named in the record.

As eleven pages, between 498 and 526, including the one upon which this appeared, are missing from (the) New Braintree vital records, this record is worth preserving in print.

Born to Ensign David Woods & Mrs. Martha his wife -

1745 November 10th, a daughter named Mary
1747 September 20, a son named Benjamin
1749 June 25th, a daughter, named persis
1751 May 1st, a son named David
1754 Dec. 29 a daughter named Martha
1757 June 7 a daughter named Hepzibah
1761 January 28 a daughter named Lucy
1763 February 18 a son named Jonas
1765 August 23 a daughter, named Lois
1768 January 18 a son named Asa
1769 October 15 a son named Artemas.

A true copy from the records of New Braintree, Book first, Page 520
Attest, Alpheus Warner, Town Clerk,
New Braintree March 29 1798
For Ensign David Woods.

West Newton, Mass. Henry D. Woods."

Photostatic copies of the original wills of David and Martha Woods have been furnished Dr. Clark and Mrs. Smith. The first is not a holograph.

David "Wood" of New Braintree, gentleman, advanced in age and

infirm of body, etc., drew his will 23 Mar. 1794, allowed 14 Apr. 1807, he made provisions for his wife, Martha, and gave her certain property; to son Asa, gave land; pew in meeting house in New Braintree mentioned; money to daughter Mary Force; "I give & bequeath unto Benjamin Wood my Beloved son Nine pounds lawfull money to be paid unto him within two years after my Decease by my Executor Asa Wood his (heirs) or assigns"; bequests in money to Persis Handcock, Samuel Wood, David Wood, Martha Handcock, Hepsibeth Brooks, Lucy Nye, Lois Fletcher, Artemas Wood; to Persis Handcock, his granddaughter, money to be paid her within eleven years after his decease; all the rest of the personal estate to be divided among the surviving children; signs plainly as "David Woods." Witnesses by Benjamin Severance, Matthew Wood and Eli Taylor,* Will proved by Severance and Taylor, 14 Apr. 1807; Asa Wood the executor.

The executor's bond was dated 14 Apr. 1807, by which Asa Woods, yeoman, had as his sureties, James Woods and Asa Pope, all of New Braintree; wit: Samuel S. Wood, Sally Moore and Thomas Hale. Undated assent to will by Martha Woods, Mary Force and Lucy Nye. Account by executor, 27 Oct. 1807. Affidavit by same filed the same day. Receipt by the widow Martha Woods, same day, she has received the household effects. Warrant for appraisal of the estate granted to Thomas Hale Esq., of Brookfield, Mass., Jonathan Nye and Jacob Pepper Jr., both of New Braintree, 14 Apr. 1807. Inventory (two pages), made by the said appraisers and attested by Asa Wood, the executor, 27 Oct. 1807, total of personal came to $242.50; real estate (not described) to $1655; total therefore of $1897.60; submitted 30 Apr. 1807; on reverse it lists a silver spoon at $1.67; signed by Asa Woods. No other receipts in the

*I do not think any of the witnesses penned the will.

volumes (or Copy Books.) (Worcester Probate, A. 66916.)

Martha Woods, of New Braintree, widow of David Woods, late of same, weak and infirm, drew her holograph will, 3 Jan. 1809, which was filed 6 July 1819. "2ly I give and bequeath to my Eldes(t) Son Benjamin Woods my Great Bible"; to second son, Samuel Woods, a silver spoon; to third son, David Woods; to son Asa Woods and to son, Artemas Woods. All wearing apparel, household effects and all other estate not mentioned to go to these children: viz: Mary Force, Percis Hale, Martha Hancock, Lucy Nye, Lois Fletcher and Artemas Woods, and to two grandsons; John Arbe(?) Brooks and Jonas Brooks, the sons of daughter Hepsibah Brooks deceased. The remainder to equally divided between five daughters; son Artemas; and two grandsons to equal one daughter, etc.; Jonathan Nye, of New Braintree named executor; witnessed by Perley Hale, Daniel Hale and Thomas Hale; Proved by Perley and Thomas Hale.

Bond of Jonathan Nye, as executor, with Jonathan Nye Jr., both of New Braintree and Ebenezer Nye of Brookfield, as his sureties, all three sign, 1 June 1819. Inventory filed 7 Sept. 1819 listing personal estate only, the Bible is not listed; there were Notes signed by Asa Woods, Jonathan Nye, and by Stone & Nye, $191.60; cash at $4.50; taken by Thomas Hale, Josiah Cary and Daniel Waite; attested by Nye, 10 June 1819. Affidavit of executor, 6 July 1819. Citation by same, 14 Mar. 1821. Citation to the hiers(not named), 1 June 1819. Citation to executor, 14 Mar. 1821. Account filed 10 Apr. 1821, by the executor. No receipts by the heirs in the File or in the Volumes(or Copy Books.) (ibid., A.67172.)

Children of Ensign David and Martha (Wheeler) Woods, first three born in Hardwick, the rest in New Braintree, Worcester, County, Mass.:*

i. Mary[5], b. 10 Nov. 1745; m. 28 June 1764, New Braintree, Jonathan Force.

ii. BENJAMIN, eldest son, b. 20 Sept. 1747; m. Sarah Adams; vide ante.

iii. Persis, b. 25 June 1749; m. (1),7 May 1767, New Braintree, Bille Hancock; she m. (2), --- Hale, after 1794.

iv. Samuel, b. 1 May 1751; m. 27 June 1776, New Braintree, Elizabeth Hemenway.

v. David, b. 11 Jan. 1753, bapt. 6 Feb. 1753, New Braintree, as recd. at Hardwick. A David d. 3 Oct. 1831, aged 79, Worthington, Mass.

vi. Martha, b. 29 Jan. 1754; m. 6 May 1773, New Braintree, Hezekiah Hancock.

vii. Hepsibah, b. 7 June 1757; m. 16 Nov. 1787, New Braintree, John Brooks; she d. by January 1809 and left at least two sons, vide ante. See Winchendon V.R.

viii. Lucy, b. 28 Jan. 1761; m. 13 June 1790, New Braintree, Ebenezer Nye.

ix. Jonas, b. 18 Feb. 1763.

x. Lois, b. 23 Aug. 1765; m. 15 Apr. 1788, New Braintree, William Fletcher; for this couple see my Fletcher Ms.

xi. Asa, b. 18 Jan. 1768; m. 12 Jan. 1791, New Braintree, Lucy Barr. Among their issue (Woods), were born at New Braintree Lucinda, b. 18 May 1797; Luther, b. 11 Mar. 1799; Jonas-Wheeler. Also, Alvin - 1791; m. Sarah Nichols. D.A.R. 68732.

*The births of the first three are recorded in the Hardwick V.R., the baptism of the fifth, Samuel, also appears in the same as taking place in New Braintree. Hardwick was pub. 1917 and includes church, cemetery and other records.

b. 26 Apr. 1803

xii. Artemas, b. 15 Oct. 1769.

With the exception of the eldest son, Benjamin, no study has been attempted in regard to the above childred.

TWO CONTEMPORARY BENJAMIN WOODS

First we will consider Benjamin Woods of Athol-Orange, Mass., a contemporary of our Benjamin Woods(1747-1828).

BENJAMIN WOODS, birth and parentage unknown, probably born about 1740-1745, living in the District of Orange, Hampshire County, Mass., in August 1800. He married, by 1766, Sarah ---, presumably alive in 1800.

This Benjamin lived in the part of Athol*, Worcester County, Mass., that was set off, with Royalston and Warwick*, to form the District of Orange, 15 Oct. 1783, this section being formerly known as Ervingshire. Undoubtedly a search of the town records of Orange*, which are intact from its formation, would add much. The District became a Town, 24 Feb. 1810. He was of Orange, in 1791. (1879 History of the Connecticut Valley, 2:634.)

There are no deeds of record for him before 1880 in Worcester County or before 1787 in Hampshire County; nor any estate; nor does his wife, Sarah, appear in the deeds and probate of these two counties. Undoubtedly he has deeds and perhaps an estate at Greenfield, Franklin County, for Franklin, which included Orange, was set off from Hampshire in 1811. The deeds for Franklin really commence, 2 June 1787 and the probate 7 Apr. 1812.**

There is no recorded service in the Revolution for this Benjamin and no lady has filed him as an eligible ancestor with the D.A.R. He does not

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*Royalston, Athol, Petersham, Gerry(now Phillipston) and Montague V.R., are published; not so Warwick, Orange and Northfield.

**1 Mar. 1787, three Registries of Deeds were set up in old Hampshire: at Springfield, Northampton and Deerfield(which included Orange). Before then all deeds pertaining to the present counties of Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin are at Springfield. Franklin was set off in 1811 and Hampden in 1812, with seats at Greenfield (at which time Deerfield Registry was abolished) and Springfield. But all probate before 1811(Franklin) and 1812(Hampshire) is at Northampton. The deeds at Deerfield were taken to Greenfield; Franklin being inc. 24 Feb. 1811, the Act taking effect, 2 Dec. 1811. (Wright's 1889 Report of the Public Records of Mass.)

appear in the Census of 1790; perhaps he was living in some other family at the time. He does appear, in August, in the Census of 1800, as of Orange, Hampshire County, Mass.(vol.5, page 223), the head of a family which consisted of one male and one female over 45, one male and four females, 16 to 26, and two males, 10 to 16. No Benjamin is listed in Athol that year. I did not have the later census records examined for Orange.

The first chapter explains about the Massachusetts Direct Tax of October 1798. Volume 14, 7th division, 6th district, considers together the towns of Athol, Petersham and Gerry, in three separate sections; no Benjamin. But, volume 16, 8th division, 1st district, which includes together Northfield, Warwick, Montague and Orange, pages 588-654, shows, page 600: Benjamin Woods, owner and occupier of a small plot in Orange, 80 perches of land, with one dwelling house, an outhouse, valued at $425 for the buildings and $42.50 for the land; and, page 650: cites his ownership there of 59 acres, with no buildings thereon, valued at $760 and $950.

So we know that Benjamin Woods of Orange was possessed of real property by October 1798, in that town, and there should be land records for him on file at Greenfield. A list of his children appears on the next page; only Athol has been consulted as that is in print.

Children recorded in Athol, Worcester County, Mass.:*

By Sarah ----,

i. Lois, b. 7 May 1767; probably m. 12 Jan. 1789, Orange, Barnabas Paine. (Bailey's Mass. Marriages, 3:170.)

ii. Lucinda, b. 12 Feb. 1769.

iii. Mary, b. 5 Feb. 1771.

iv. Abigail, b. 18 Apr. 1773.

v. Benjamin, bapt. 10 May 1778, C.R.1.**

vi. Sarah, bapt. 22 Aug. 1779, C.R.1.

vii. Anna, bapt. 6 Nov. 1781, C.R.1.

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*Perhaps others recorded post 15 Oct. 1783, in Orange, Mass. No son David of record there.

**First Ch. of Athol Records.

We will now consider a few notes that have been gleaned about Benjamin Wood* of Brookfield, Mass., and Alstead, N.H. (1751-1833), a younger man than our Benjamin or the Benjamin of Athol-Orange, Mass.

BENJAMIN WOOD, twin son of Thomas of Framingham, Hopkinton and Brookfield, Mass., by Mary Taylor, born in Hopkinton, Middlesex County, 29(or 30) Apr. 1751, died in Alstead, N.H., April 1833, aged eighty-two** He married Lucy Olds, daughter of Capt. Ezekiel Olds of Brookfield, Worcester County.

Taken as a small lad to Brookfield by his parents, he served from there in the Revolution, going up to New Hampshire to live after the war ended. As he was soon eliminated from being identical with the older Benjamin of Athol or our Benjamin of Greenwich, during the war (1775-1783), I did not bother further with him, his wife or children. There is a Wood Genealogy, 1902, by Wood, based on a work printed in 1880, on the family, which takes up the descendants of the twin brothers, John and Benjamin, born in Hopkinton in 1751. There is also a careful typed account, 1939, by R.F. Wood, which considers Thomas Wood and his sons, all of whom served in the Revolution, including this Benjamin.*** The author shows, with full proff, that Benjamin of Brookfield served under Capt. Ithamar Wright, of same, in 1778; under Capt. Bolster, of Sutton, in 1775; Capt. Phineas Upham, of Brookfield, 1775; and Capt. Gilbert, of same, 1776-1777. This helped to eliminate our Benjamin (who who was a corporal) from being the same soldier as Benjamin of

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*Wood and Woods were often interchangeable in older times.
**Issue of 1 May 1833 Columbian Centinel calls him a "native of Brookfield," and gives age at death.
***23 pages, with additions in author's hand; on file at N.E.H.G. Society.

Brookfield and left the field clear for his own services. (Broolfield was the only Hampshire County town included in Worcester, when it was set off in 1731.) This Benjamin's services are in the Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution, 17:719-721; 841. Insofar as the printed D.A.R. Rolls are concerned, we find several ladies have joined this society on their elegible ancestor, Benjamin of Brookfield and Alstead: 30:30; 35:3-4; 48:422. As these Rolls end with ladies who joined in 1921, it is possible that later lines have been filed.

My Search of the Worcester County Deeds, for which see page 14, revealed but one land transfer for this particular Benjamin, and this dealt with his wife's property:

9 Apr. 1779, Benjamin Wood, of Brookfield, and wife, Lucy, the daughter of Capt. Ezekiel Olds, of same, sold, for $300, to Thomas Olds, of same, their rights in eight acres there; wit: William and Mary Ayres; ack. and recd. 1779.* (Worcester Deeds, 80:561.)

He has no deeds on file at Springfield, Hampshire County and those on record at Keene, Cheshire County, N.H., have not been covered; nor has his estate. Very brief notes on his pension application follow:

Benjamin Wood, S. 14876, Cheshire Co., N.H., 24 Dec. 1832:

Benjamin Wood of Alstead, states he first joined the Minute Men, under Capt. Phineas Upham, then was in Capt. Bolster's co., commanded by Col. Leonard. Second service was under Gen. Grant and he saw Gens. Putnam, Lee and Washington at Roxbury, Mass., etc. Signed "Benjamin Wood." Further, he enlisted 1775 for three months; then in November 1776 for three months; both in Mass. Militia.

He was born in Hopkinton, Mass., 29 Apr. 1751, old style; his

father moved to Brookfield, Mass., when he was quite young; he was living there when he entered the service, has lived at Alstead, since the war, etc. Signed "Benjamin Wood."

16 Aug. 1832, Jeremiah Higbee, clergyman, of Alstead, said he knew Benjamin Wood who was about 81. 28 Aug. 1832, James Wood said he lived at said place, is aged 71, and that Benjamin served until 23 Mar. 1776, the day his (Benjamin's) second son was born; he, James is a brother of Benjamin. Signed James Wood. Nathan Twining of Alstead, also states he knows Benjamin, etc., 10 Aug. 1832 and signs. Various queries since then about this soldier, including William Ray Wood of 22 Carlisle Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, a grear-great-grandson, around 1890/

I have made no further search and have not bothered to ascertain the names of his children, their births, his wife's birth and death, her mother' name, etc.

BENJAMIN SKINNER

I have made no study of this man and his family but as he appears a number of times in the text of this account it seems wise to give at least a "working outline" for him and a few items that I have come across, as a basis for further research if any descendant should be interested to pursue the matter at some future time.

BENJAMIN SKINNER of Mansfield, Bristol County, Greenwich, Hampshire County and Dana, Worcester County, Mass., died in Dana, 3 Mar. 1842, aged eighty-five, buried in the Dana Center Cemetery, now Petersham, Mass.; no estate. He married, in Mansfield, 24 Nov. 1778, Lois Lane, who died in Dana, 22 May 1813, aged fifty-five, buried beside her husband. He possibly married, secondly 1824, Tabitha Eager, probably a widow; no estate as a Skinner.

His land records at Taunton, Bristol County, at Northampton, Hampshire County and at Worcester, Worcester County, have not been examined by me. I have not checked on his service in the Revolution but he was granted a pension for the same in 1832, which pension I have not had abstracted. See also the published D.A.R. Rolls for ladies who have joined on this military service, among them, Carrie (Woods) Austin, 133:162-163, vide ante.

The Mansfield Vital Records were published in 1933 and from this source I have checked on his children's births and his marriage to Lois Lane. Much could be accomplished to add to his account and thus put "flesh" on the skeleton." It is evident that he moved to Greenwich from Mansfield, between August 1797 and October 1798. He never lived in Petersham, Mass., but settled in that part of Greenwich, near Benjamin

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*Vide Ante,

Woods, that became a part of Dana when that town was established 18 Feb. 1801. A careful abstract of his pension application, or a photostatic full copy, would undoubtedly add to our genealogical knowledge of this Benjamin Skinner.

Mrs. Austin's application papers for the D.A.R., in 1917, cite his parents as Benjamin Skinner (1710-1782) and Abigail Wild (1716-1781.) I have not checked this. Bristol County Probate, as well as the above mentioned Deeds, would be helpful.

In the text, page 10, there is an explanation about the Massachusetts Direct Tax of October 1798. Volume 17, 8th division, 4th district, pages 78-540, includes together the towns of Pelham, Greenwich, Belchertown and Ware of which only the vital records of Pelham are in print. Page 150 of same, reveals Benjamin Skinner of Greenwich, Hampshire County, with two houses and 72 acres, valued at $700. Page 482, of same, shows him as a leasee of land owned by John Alden, in Greenwich, no description of the property except that it was 50 acres with no buildings and worth $128. Page 457, is more or less the same as page 150, except in more detail: He owned a farm, formerly owned by Abel Persons which was bounded south by Benjamin Woodward and north by Robert Stevens and had on it one barn 32 by 26 feet, one house, 36 by 28 feet, barn valued at $55 and house at $60, also 72 acres valued at $700.

It was probably from this Abel Parsons that Benjamin Skinner had bought his farm in Greenwich, of which there should be a record in Northampton or (if late-recorded) at Worcester.

The Census of 1800 (taken in August), list Benjamin Skinner,

resident in Greenwich, Hampshire County, Mass., with one male and one female over 45, three females, 10 to 16 and three males and two females under 10 in his family. I did not have the later census records (in Dana) covered for him.

As noted before, a study of the original Town Minutes of Dana, cites Benjamin Skinner as a member of a town committee there, 3 Dec. 1810. Benjamin Woods also serving on the same. Earlier, see page 14, Skinner was a member of a three-man committee re Dana land, 15 July 1809. (Worcester Deeds, 173:370). And page 16, mentions Skinner as a boundary of land owned by Justus Woods (son of Benjamin), 5 June 1820, in Dana. (ibid., 221:189.)

Benjamin Skinner was not a member of the Church in Greenwich and the early churches in Dana are non est. As stated above there is no formal settlement of his estate in Worcester Probate or for his wife, A study of his land records is needed for further information and proof,

Benjamin Skinner, Dana, pensioner, 1842: Ahira Skinner, of Dana, certifies that his "father Benjamin Skinner late of said Dana" died 3 Mar. 1842, in Dana, and signs; a single page. (Worcester Probate, A53811.)

A list of his childre appears on the nest page.

Children, first nine recorded in Mansfield, Mass., the last born in Greenwich, Mass.; by Lois Lane:

i. Lois b. 12 Feb. 1780.

ii. Daughter, b. and d. 2 May 1781.

iii. Hannah, b. 2 July 1783.

iv. RUSHE, b. 27 Jan. 1785; m. David Woods, vide ante. They were neighbors.

v. Benjamin Jr., b. 28 Aug. 1788; m. 1810, Dana, Lydia Haskins, who d. there, 1830, aged 38; perhaps he m. (2), Betsey (----) Wetherbee; etc. He buried two children in Dana as see the Dana V.R.

vi. Son, b. and d. 15 May 1790.

vii. Ahira, b. 15 Oct. 1791, living 1842; m. 1821, Dana, Lydia Amsden.

viii. Otis, b. 28 Apr. 1794.

ix. Nabby (Abigail), b. 12 Aug. 1796; m. 1819, Dana (int. 1819, at Petersham, Mass.), Artemas-H. Whitney of Petersham.

x. Sylvia, b. 14 Oct. 1800; m. 1818, Dana (int. 1818 at Petersham), Amasa Chamberlain of Petersham.

Who was the Rachel who m. (int. 1804, Dana), David Ward? Was she a relative of Benjamin Skinner's? The birth of a Rachel Skinner in Mansfield does not appear.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Identity and ancestry of Martha (Wheeler) Woods, mother of Benjamin.

New York State Career of David Woods, son of Benjamin, especially primary sources re Madison County.

LETTERS
AND
WOODS FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

December 7th, 1959

Mrs. Fred W. Smith
3845 State Street
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I was delighted to receive your long letter of Nov. 13th, and the information contained in it.....

I have three large Bibles which were passed down to me as the eldest in the family, and for a starter am enclosing a copy of entries in two of them. The longest is in the end section of one published in 1872 and is all in the handwriting of my aunt, Ella Frances Woods. The single sheet is copied from another Bible dating from 1891. I have more data and some photos which I will send....

Cordially,

Leslie B. Woods,

Box 70, Route 1
Dayville, Connecticut.

Dec. 13th, 1959

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Enclosed you will find a copy of another of our Bible records which I have compared very carefully with the original. You will note that Benjamin's Salley is Sarah in this one. Otherwise this one is substantially in agreement with the 1872 Bible. . . . .

INSCRIPTIONS ON GRAVESTONES IN CHURCHYARD OF NEW BRAINTREE MASSACHUSETTS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Photographed Aug. 12, 1959 by Leslie B. Woods, Box 70, Rt. 1, Dayville, Conn.

In Memory of

Mr. DAVID WOODS

who died

April 2, 1807

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Aged 89

In Memory of

Mrs. MARTHA WOODs

Relict of

Mr. DAVID WOODs

who died

May 21, 1819

Aged 93

Copied from another of the Woods Family Bibles-one given to my Father, George A. Woods, by his father, Justus O. Woods, on November 14th, 1891

Extract from letter written by Justus O. Woods to his son, George A. Woods, March 1, 1895 from Chicago: "I sent yesterday to Tina to send east when she writes, a letter from Aunt Lucinda which contains one from Aunt Pamela which may interest you. The following is an extract."

"The following lines were read by our Father Justus Woods at the funeral of his grandfather David Woods, aged 87 years. He has left a surviving wife, with whom he lived 63 years during which time there has nover happened a death in his house. His descendents are 12 children, 91 grandchildren and 86 great grandchildren, of whom 10 children, 68 grandchildren and 27* great grandchildren are still living; total 189; living 155."

(*Coment by Leslie B. Woods, "Obviously should be 77")

This entire entry is in the handwriting of my father, George Adams Woods (Middle name changed from Osman to Adams in youth) Lucinda and Pamela were his Aunts."

Leslie B. Woods

Children of Benjamin Woods and Sarah Adams his wife

Sally	Aug. 13, 1770	Feb. 17, 1833	Dana, Mass.
Mary	May 15, 1772		Strafford, Conn
Elizabeth	April 15, 1774	Mar. 25, 1813	
Benjamin	Oct. 13, 1776	Mar. 19, 1795	
Susanna	May 16, 1778	Mar. 16, 1813	
Louisa	Jan. 30, 1781		Jamestown, N.Y.
Justus	June 13, 1783	Nov. 3, 1846	Dana Mass.
David	Dec. 31, 1785		Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Cynthia	Nov. 1, 1790		Auburn, Iowa
Willard	Mar. 27, 1793		Dana, Mass.
Hepzibah	June 10, 1795	Apr. 1, 1846	New York, City

The above is a true record

Attest--Justus Woods, Town Clerk

Copied from original by Mrs. P.L. Hjousbery

March 20, 1877, in Dana, Mass.

Copied March 15, 1895 by Ella F. Woods,

Clifton, S.I.

Copy of End Section from of the Woods Family Bibles Published by

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WOODS

FAMILY RECORD

Justus Woods, born June 13, 1783, in Dana, Mass.,

Lucretia Amsden, born Nov. 7, 1787, in Petersham, Mass.

married Sept. 26, 1813, in Dana, by Elias Harris, Esq.

Children of same

	born:	died
Pamela Lavinia	July 31, 1815	Mar. 25, 1889 in Brooklyn
Varilla Frances	Sept. 17, 1816	Dec. 10, 1891, in Dana
Zavinda Maria	June 7, 1818	Oct. 12, 1861, in Dana
Orsamus Franklin	June 2, 1820	July 30, 1889 in B. Falls
Charles Orestes	Nov. 30, 1821	Sept. 13, 1822, in Dana
Justus Osmyn	Aug. 31, 1823	
Sarah Lucretia	Aug. 4, 1825	
Lucinda Florella	Apr. 4, 1827	
Benjamin Oscar	Dec. 17, 1830	May 23, 1873 in Boston

The above is a correct copy of one written by our father, that he gave to me in 1836, now in my possession.

Dana Centre, March 1877,

Signed,

Mrs. Pamela L. Hjousbery

(page two of End Section from one of the Woods Family Bibles)

Published by American Bible Society, New York, 1872

WOODS FAMILY RECORD

Lucretia Amsden was daughter of Jacob Amsden and sara Felton, his wife who moved from Petersham to Dana in the latter part of March, 1800.

Jacob Amsden b. Nov. 29, 1761 d. Mar. 24, 1829 in Dana

Sara Falton, b. Jan. 7, 1763 d. Sept. 15, 1821 in Dana.

Benjamin Woods, (father of Justus Woods) b. Oct. 20, 1747 in New Braintree Mass.

Sara Adams, born Aug. 16, 1751, in New Braintree, Mass.

Benjamin Woods died Mar. 7, 1828, in Dana

Sarah Adams Woods died Sept. 12, 1826, in Dana

Benjamin Woods was son of David Woods

Sarah Adams was daughter of James Adams, all of New Braintree, Mass.

Copied from another of the Woods Family Bibles published by Jasper Harding in Philadelphia, 1866.

Names	Born	Married	Died
Justus Woods	June 13, 1783	Sept. 26, 1813	Nov 3, 1846
Lucretia Amsden	Nov. 7, 1787		Mar. 12, 1870
	Children		
Pamela Lavinia	July 31, 1815	Jan 7, 1837	
Varilla Frances	Sept 17, 1816	Jan 18, 1838	
Zavinda Maria	June 7, 1818	Oct. 4, 1843	Oct. 12, 1861
Orsamus Franklin	June 2, 1820	July 10, 1843	
Charles Orestes	Nov. 30, 1821		Sept 13, 1822
Justus Osmyn	Aug. 31, 1823	June 7, 1850	
Sarah Lucretia	Aug. 4, 1825	Sept. 17, 1851	Aug. 1896
Lucinda Florella	Apr. 4, 1827	Nov. 16, 1847	
Benjamin Oscar	Dec. 17, 1830		May 20, 1873
	Family Record of Benjamin Woods		
Benjamin Woods	Oct. 20, 1747		May 7, 1828
Sarah (nee Adams)	Aug. 16, 1751 New Braintree, Mass		Sept12, 1826 Dana
	Their Children		
Sarah	Aug. 13, 1770		
Mary	May 15, 1772		
Elizabeth	April 15, 1774		
Benjamin	Oct. 13, 1776		
Susanna	May 16, 1778		
Louisa	Jan 30, 1781		
Justus	June 13, 1783		Nov. 3, 1846
David	Dec. 31, 1785		
Cynthia	Nov. 1, 1790		
Willard	Mar. 27, 1793		
Hepzibah	June 10, 1795		April 1, 1846

(Pages two and three, opposite one another:)

Family Names	Births, When& Where	Marriages Where & When	Deaths, Where & When
Justus Osmyn)	Dana, Aug 31, 1823	Dana	
Frances Maria)	Petersham, Sept 24, 1821	June 7, 1850	5 Sept 1881
Woods			
Ella Frances	Clifton Dec 5, 1851		
Helen Louise	" Apr. 4, 1853	Clifton S.I. Dec 3, 1873	
Lizzie Adele	" Dec 13, 1854		Nov 3, 1861
Cara Anonyma	" Apr 23, 1857		Apr 23, 1857
Cara Justine	" Nov 4, 1858	Clifton Dec 10, 1883	
Infant	" Sept 13, 1860		
Maud Miriam	" July 7, 1861	Clifton July 30, 1884	
George Osman	" Nov 14, 1863	New York Dec 3, 1888	
(Page four)			
Francis Baker)	Aug 10, 1787	Nov 16, 1820	Apr 8, 1862
Fannie Hinkley)	Dec 22, 1798		Apr 3, 1842

CHILDREN

Frances Maria	Sept 24, 1821	June 7, 1850	
Artemas	Mar 4, 1825	Nov 16, 1847	

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